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In re Application of Olechnowicz et al.	)	Examiner: E. Nicholson
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Serial No.: 10/604,700	)	Art Unit: 3679
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Filed: September 24, 2003	)	Confirmation No.: 1699
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For: Tube Coupling	)	Attorney Docket: 22188/06542

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**RESPONSE & AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office action mailed September 29, 2004, Applicants hereby submit the following response along with a Request for Continued Examination.

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FY 2005 <small>(Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2009 (H.R. 4815))</small>		22168/06542
Application Number 10/804,700		Filed September 24, 2003
For Tube Coupling		
At Unit 3870		Examiner E. Nicholson

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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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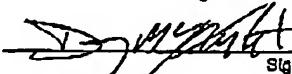
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Application Number	10/604,700
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Art Unit	3679
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **[Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114]** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a.  Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

ii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed

i.  Amendment/Reply

iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iv.  Other Extension of time

2. **Miscellaneous**

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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i.  RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

ii.  Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.138 and 1.17)

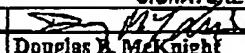
iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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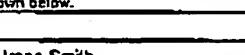
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Name (Print/Type)	Douglas A. McKnight	Registration No.	50,447

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